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INTRODUCTION TO THE HUMANITIES

FALL 2001 SYLLABUS

LS 151.85L--East/West FIG
MWF 10:10-11:00
DHC 120
4 credits

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

An introduction to the Western Humanities through a study of selected texts from the Jewish scriptures/"Old Testament," classical Greek and Roman antiquity, Christian scriptures/"New Testament" and early Christian literature. The course will seek to develop a critical appreciation for the texts and their historical content. Topics will include: Conceptions of self, community, and the divine; nature of the good life; conceptions of good and evil; interpretations of the heroic; different aspects of love and temporality. It will also emphasize your relation to the texts--their significance for you.

I. REQUIRED TEXTS

New Oxford Annotated Bible (NRSV)
The Odyssey, Fitzgerald
Sappho, Barnard
The Oedipus Cycle, Fitts & Fitzgerald
Three Plays of Euripides, Roche
Five Dialogues of Plato, Grube
The Aeneid, Mandelbaum
Confessions of St. Augustine, Warner
Faculty Pack

II. PLENARY LECTURE SERIES

Thursdays, 11:10-12:00 in ULH 101 and repeated at 7:10-8:00 p.m. in SS 352.
(See FacPac for speakers, lecture titles, and dates.)

III. READING ASSIGNMENTS

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| 9/5 | None--Introduction to the course. |
| 9/6-7 | Fac-Pac, p. 10; <u>Oxford Bible</u> , p. 3-10; Genesis, Chapters 1-3. |
| 9/10 | Genesis, chapters 4, 6-9, 11-21. |
| 9/12 | Genesis, chapters 22-35. |
| 9/14 | <u>Bible</u> , pp. 82-84, Exodus, chapters 1-4, 11-15, 19-24, 32. |
| 9/17 | <u>Bible</u> , pp. 1278-79, Hosea, all. |
| 9/19 | <u>Bible</u> , pp. 726-727; Job, chapters 1-10. |
| 9/20-21 | Job, chapters 11-16, 29-30, 38-42. |
| 9/24 | Fac-Pac, pp. 30-32 (to line 508), 36, 41-43; <u>The Odyssey</u> , Books 1-4. |
| 9/26 | <u>Odyssey</u> , Books 5-8. |
| 9/28 | <u>Odyssey</u> , Books 9-12. |
| 10/1 | <u>Odyssey</u> , Books 13-16. |
| 10/3 | <u>Odyssey</u> , Books 17-20. |
| 10/5 | <u>Odyssey</u> , Books 21-24. |

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| 10/8 | <u>Sappho</u> , all. |
| 10/10 | <u>FacPac</u> , pp. 48-55. |
| 10/12 | <u>The Oedipus Cycle</u> , <u>Oedipus Rex</u> , pp. 3-47. |
| 10/15 | <u>Oedipus</u> , pp. 47-81. |
| 10/17-18 | <u>Three Plays of Euripides</u> , pp. vii-ix; <u>Medea</u> , pp. 33-52; <u>Fac Pac</u> , pp. 58-66. |
| 10/19 | <u>Medea</u> , pp. 53-77. |
| 10/22 | <u>Five Dialogues of Plato</u> , pp. 3-4; <u>Euthyphro</u> , all. |
| 10/24 | <u>Five Dialogues</u> , <u>Apology</u> , all |
| 10/26 | <u>Five Dialogues</u> , <u>Crito</u> , all. |
| 10/29 | <u>FacPac</u> , pp. 104-108, line 328; pp. 110, line 483-111, line 399; pp. 1151. 920-117. Also pp. 118-121. |
| 10/31 | <u>FacPac</u> pp 127-130; <u>The Aeneid of Virgil</u> , Books I & II. |
| 11/2 | <u>Aeneid</u> , Books IV & VI. |
| 11/5 | <u>Aeneid</u> , Book 12 |
| 11/7 | Review-- <u>The Aeneid</u> |
| 11/9 | <u>Bible</u> , "New Testament" pp. 3-6; Mark, chapters 1-10. |
| 11/12 | Holiday--Veteran's Day. |
| 11/14 | Mark, chapters 11-16; Matthew, chapter 5. |
| 11/16 | Luke, chapter 10:25-37, 14:12-24, 15:11-32. |
| 11/19 | <u>Bible</u> , pp. 240-243; Romans, chapters 1-8. |
| 11/21 | Travel day for students. |
| 11/23 | Holiday, Thanksgiving. |
| 11/26 | Romans, chapters 9-16. |
| 11/28 | <u>The Confessions of St. Augustine</u> , Introduction & Books 1 & 2. |
| 11/30 | <u>Confessions</u> , Book 3, sections 1-7; Book 4 ,all. |
| 12/3 | <u>Confessions</u> , Book 5, section 10; Book 6, sections 5, 6, 8, 15; Book 7, sections 5, 12, 17; Book 8, sections 5, 12; Book 9, sections 1, 12. |
| 12/5 | <u>Confessions</u> , Book 10, sections 1-8, 17, 28, 30, 31, 35, 40. |
| 12/7 | Review-- <u>Confessions</u> . |
| 12/10 | <u>FacPac</u> pp. 149-151; Bible, pp. 484 (essays)-488 (top). |
| 12/12 | Comprehensive Review. |
| 12/14 | Review, continued; course evaluation. |

IV. WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

1. Summaries/responses to 10 of the plenary lectures; discuss main themes and significant supporting points. Length: one (1) typed/printed page or equivalent. Due the Tuesday after lecture is given.
2. Four to five page essay on a comparative topic from Jewish scriptures (Old Testament) and The Odyssey. Due Friday, October 12.
3. A revision of this essay (assignment 2). Due Friday, Nov. 9, along with your original essay.

V. FINAL COMPREHENSIVE EXAM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 8:00-10:00 AM. NO CHANGES.

VI. GRADING

1. Final grades will be based on the 4 major assignments listed above, as well as attendance and participation, according to following percentages: Summaries 20%, Original essay 15%, Revision 25%, Final Exam 20%, attendance/participation 20%.
2. Excessive absences--more than 3 and/or persistent tardiness will lower your grade.

3. For those taking the “P/NP” option, a borderline ‘C’ will be required for a passing grade.
4. Drop Deadline: October 15.